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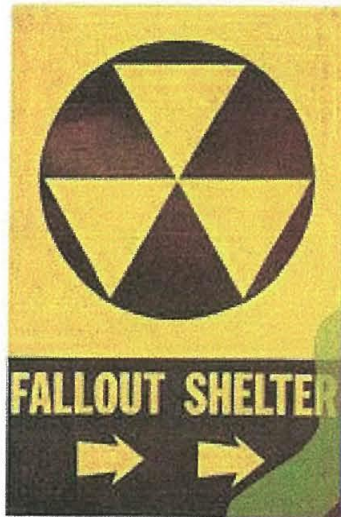
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# CIVIL DEFENSE TRAINING

—helps you and  
your community



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COURSES SUCH AS: MEDICAL  
SELF-HELP, RADIOLOGICAL  
MONITORING, PERSONAL  
AND FAMILY SURVIVAL.

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# A HISTORY LESSON ON CIVIL DEFENSE AND HOW I GOT HOOKED.

- Government support, when did it start ? And where?
- Civil Defense enacted 1941 Decommissioned 1945
- Civil Defense Act of 1950 Rebirth of Civil Defense
- Civil Defense Air Raid Wardens and Air Raid Drills  
1950 era communities committed
- Preparedness campaigns and involvement of  
citizens. 1950's and 1960's

# ATTEND A HOME PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP

Earn this award



## FOR SURVIVAL YOU WILL NEED





**first aid and  
home care  
of the sick**

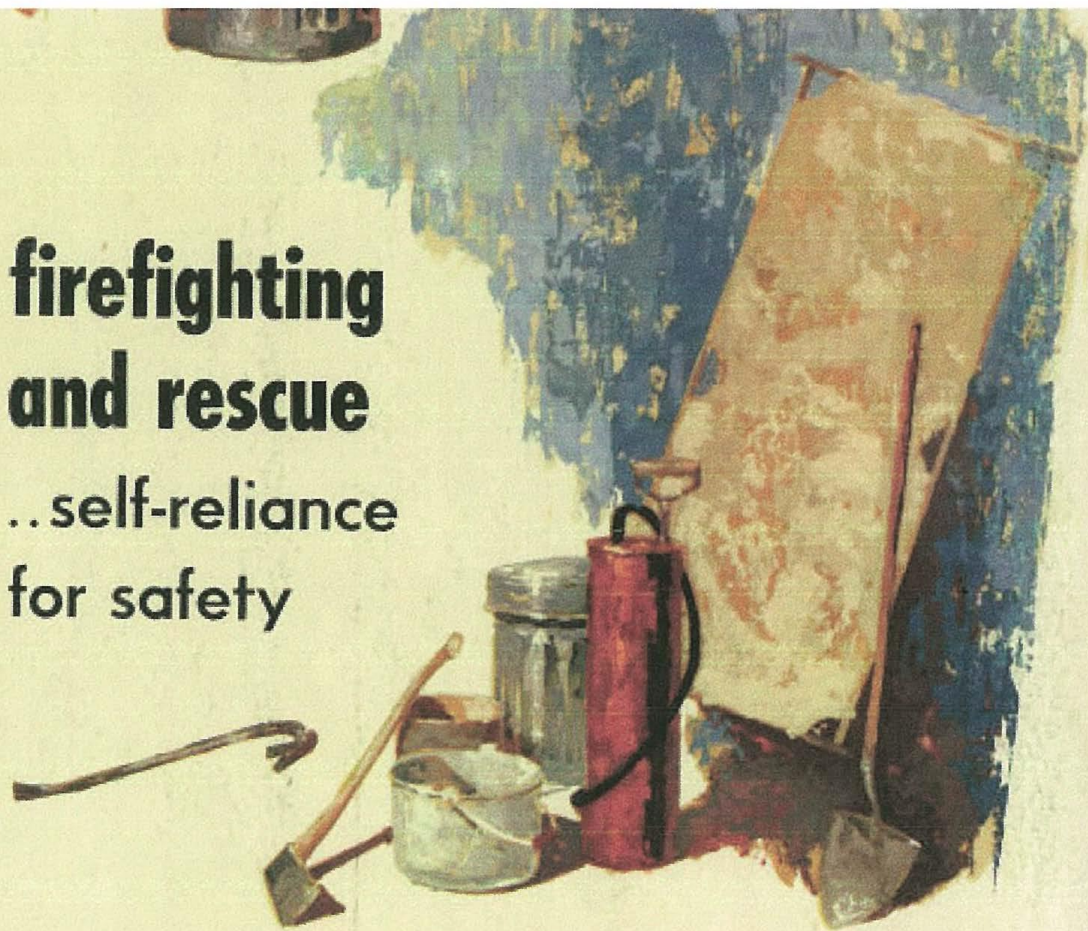
..when there is  
no trained  
medical help



**sanitation** ..safeguard  
your family's health

# **firefighting and rescue**

..self-reliance  
for safety



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**food and water** ..enough for  
at least 14 days

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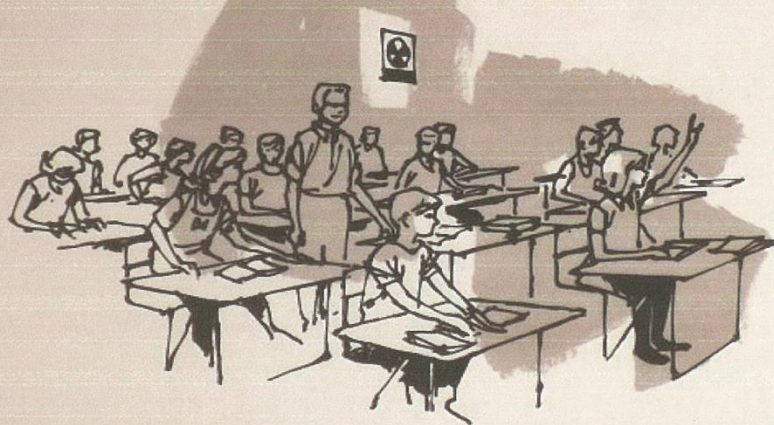
# HISTORY CONTINUATION

- Cold War period with added threats from Cuba. Build up of Military in USA. Bombers stationed at Civilian Airports.
- Concentration of local preparedness efforts. Major shelter effort States inspected designated shelters
- Schools trained to react and exercises conducted like fire drills. Duck and Cover
- 1970's changed the threat level and mind set for many citizens. Civil Defense became less important again
- April 1, 1979 FEMA was born and took over disaster coordination and response. No homeland security
- DHS incorporated Homeland Security and FEMA FEMA hazards became less important





# SHELTER IN SCHOOLS



DID YOU KNOW—  
that the daily attendance

# HOW I GOT INVOLVED IN 61 YEARS AGO AND STAY INVOLVED.

- Ground Observer Corp. Local post Salisbury Ct.
- Concern for safety of my town at 14 years old.
- Selectmen allow me to recruit for post. Successful
- April 1, 1955 Appointed Deputy CD Director
- August 1955 Hurricane flooding 1 fatality
- Wrote first plan for Town 1956 and got it approved by State.
- Involved where ever I resided as a volunteer until hired in York County. I still live it daily.









# LETS LOOK AT HOW IT HAS BEEN PRESENTED

- Home and Community Workshops/CERT
- Schools were taught lessons, What about today ?
- Yes the message for the threat was different but the concept is common The Turtle was a great image to deliver the message Duck and Cover.
- Citizen involvement was critical at local levels. The message was Preparedness, Work, School , Community and Home.
- What is our message today? Ready. Gov. and PrepareAthon PREPAREDNESS for citizens.



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# COUNTY AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS PAST AND PRESENT

- Civil Defense act of 1950 Major organizations
- States Created Civil Defense Agencies
- Local communities appointed leadership teams
- Equipment purchased with Federal funding.
- Extensive training effort
- Heavy commitment by citizens
- Maine Counties had robust organizations
- What is different today?

# DISASTERS DID STRIKE LOCALLY

- 1955 Floods August time frame.
- Heavy loss of life in New England Only known disaster loss of life in Salisbury ever.
- Community support for survivors,
- Federal aid offered
- My family home damaged heavily 5 feet of water in basement.
- Mitigation efforts enacted.
- Local commitment even stronger after events.
- Today disasters impact local commitment to EM.

# TRAINING FOR LEADERS THEN AND NOW

- Nation training facilities
- Battle Creek Michigan US Civil Defense Academy
- Emmitsburg Maryland National Emergency Training Center
- Local courses for many groups and situations offered
- Certification of Emergency Managers is a new effort as is degrees in EM.
- Interest in training by citizens has changed.



# FEDERALLY PROVIDED EQUIPMENT COMPARISON

- 1950 AND 1960 Era communities had a wind fall of issued items
- Field Hospitals 30 to 90 bed complete
- Local First Aid Stations 100 victims. Rural areas
- Light duty rescue vehicles vs Heavy duty rescue vehicle
- Generators and water pumps
- States obtained Underground operations centers.
- Locals obtained additions to fire stations for secure operations centers.

## Civil Defense Rescue Vehicles









## Civil Defense Rescue Service Organizational Charts

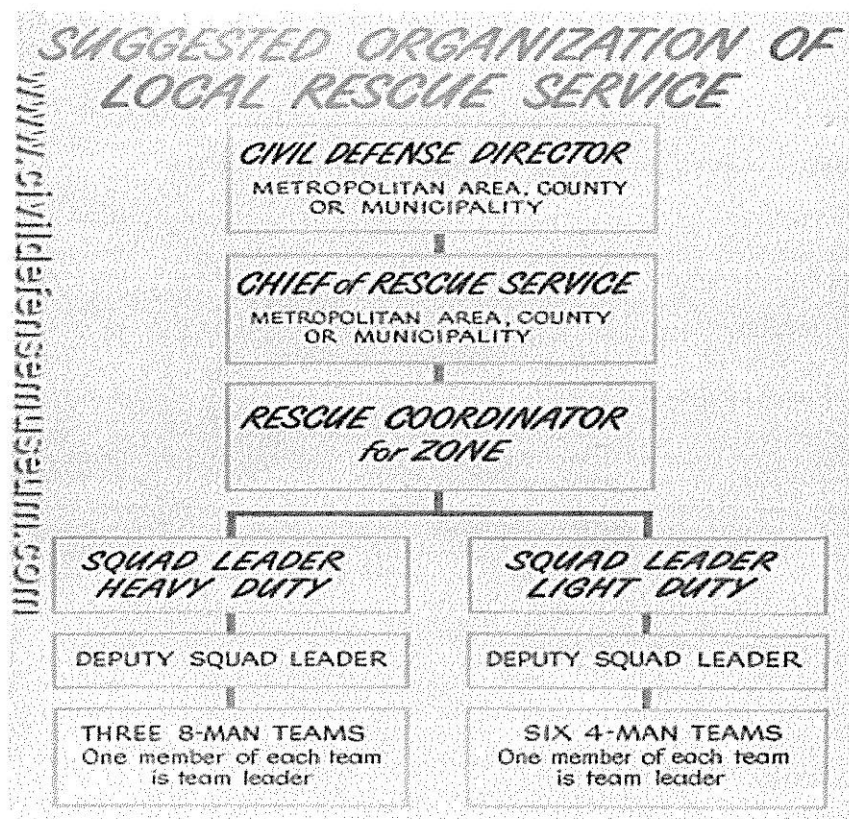


FIGURE 1.—Suggested organization of local rescue service.

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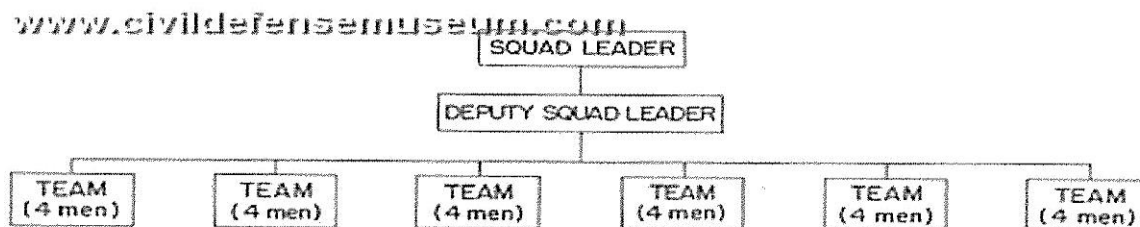


FIGURE 2.—Organization of light duty rescue squad.

Organization of light duty rescue squad chart.

# EQUIPMENT COMPARISON

## WHERE ARE WE NOW

- Homeland Security items purchased
- Hospitals all decommissioned and disposed of
- First Aid stations decommissioned
- Rescue vehicles retired without replacements.
- Communications greatly enhanced and more robust
- EOC's limited funding for construction and upgrades
- Federal Support at local level has changed

# SUMMARY OF SESSION

- Question for you: How much has truly changed since 1955?
- Discussion has the change been positive for the citizens
- How about the Emergency Management Profession?
- Do you detect a cycle of emergency management
- A very highly accepted EM Professional has said There is nothing new in a disaster situation that has not previously happened. I have become a real believer in this statement.
- Thanks for sharing this time with me and listening to me.



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